THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): A main rocket launching station already exists in Sriharikota in Andhra Pradesh having been established by the Indian Space Research Organisation with the first launch carried out in October, 1971. The approved perspective plan for space research and development activities for the decade 1980—90 includes establishment of a new launch range, if necessary, in cooperation with other national agencies. Studies are underway in this regard.

Poverty Alleviation Programmes

1815. SHRI KALPNATH RAI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what are the different poverty alleviation programmes which are under implementation;

(b) the details of funds allocated for the above under the Seventh Five Year Plan; and

(c) whether there is any machinery for constantly monitoring the progress of implementation of the above programmes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) The different poverty alleviation programmes under implementation are—Integrated Rural Development Programme, National Rural Employment Programme, and Rural Landless Employment Guarantee Programme.

(b) The details of funds allocated for the above programmes during the Seventh Five Year Plan are as follows:—

Name of Programme	Amount allocated (Rs. in crores)
IRDP & Allied Programmes	2642·99
NREP	2487 47
RLEGP	1743 78

(c) The Department of Rural Development is constantly monitoring the implementation of these programmes. In addition, the physical targets and achievements are also being monitored by the Ministry of Programme Implementation under the Twenty Point Programme.

Shortage of Fuel Wood

1816. SHRI SHANKER SINH VAGHELA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news report which appeared in the Hindustan Times of 19th February, 1986 wherein it has been stated that fuel wood shortage by the turn of the present century in India is expected to be around 190 million tonnes; and

(b) if so, the action being taken by Government to meet the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI): (a) Yes, Sir. The shortage of fuelwood in India by the turn of the present century is estimated, however, to be 190 million cubic metres and not 190 million tonnes.

(b) A massive afforestation programme to achieve an annual target of 5 million hectares by 1989-90 has been launched. To achieve this objective, an Action Plan has been prepared by the National Wastelands Development Board (NWDB), with